Maintenance and repairs is a continuous activity and is carried out on the entire National Highway network including National Highway-52.

The detail of amounts allotted for maintenance and repairs of National Highways during 1992-93 are as under :—

(Rs. lakhs)

State	Amount
Assam	1144.62
Arunachal Pradesh	103.41

Villages connected with District Headquarters by Road

3021. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of villages in Arunachal Pradesh having population of 500 or less people which are not connected to their district headquarters by road;

(b) whether Goa have set any targets to connect such villages with their district headquarters; and

(c) if so, what is the number of villages which are aimed to be connected with their district headquarters by road and the number of such villages which would remain unconnected with their district headquarters by roads ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) to (c) Under the Constitution, the Central Government are primarily concerned with the roads declared as National Highways only. For all other roads, including village roads, the primary responsibility for their construction/development is that of the State Governments concerned.

Construction of Bridge over Siang River in Arunachal Pradesh

3022. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the RCC bridge is under construction over Siang River at Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, when the foundation stone was laid and actual construction started on the project;

(c) what was the estimated expenditure when the project was approved;

(d) whether any target was fixed for completion of work on the project;

(e) if so, details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) what steps are proposed to be taken to ensure timely completion of this project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The foundation stone was laid on 4th April, 1988 and the actual construction also started during April, 1988.

(c) The work was sanctioned for Rs. 1163.70 lakhs.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. The target date fixed for completion of the work was 10th September, 1991.

(f) On account of the adverse site conditions, the design of foundations needed review and is being revised to expedite the progress. Periodic review meetings with the contractors are also being held to speed up the completion of the project.

Organisation of Red Line Nyaya Panchayat

3023. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE :
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :
Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Red Line Nyaya Panchayat, an organisation of Red Line bus operators, has demanded policy changes by Delhi Administration;

(b) whether it is also a fact that while the drivers of the buses which are involved in accidents and traffic rule violations escape scot-free, it is the operators who are harassed;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that illegal operator 'mafia' is active in Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.